Garden sign "Bienen bei der Arbeit"/ Bees at work"

Instructions No. 2073

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 1 hour 30 Minutes

The topic bees is more topical than ever, because the insects have it more and more difficult and need our support. Of course, this is also a small issue and so you can already do a lot in your home garden or on the balcony to help the busy pollinators
If you perhaps have a corner that is only for the bees or even a beehive with you, it can't hurt to point it out. This way, careless visitors are protected and you also have a nice eye-catcher.



1. **Paint and label the sign**
For priming, take your paint, put a few good spots of it on the shield and spread it all over with a sponge or brush. Let this first layer dry almost completely. You can use a hair dryer to speed up the process
Then use the brush to add more accents, but with less paint, so that the colours blend more into each other without

mixing. Then you blow-dry again. You do this until you are satisfied with your shield

Then let everything dry out well and draw the writing and honeycombs for yourself. Either do this freehand or use templates or the like to help you.





Then rework the contours of the honeycombs with brown paint and maybe lighten the interior a little bit, so that the individual honeycombs come out better
Let it dry and then fill in the writing. You can either use or Black take Brown - depending on how strong your contrast should be
Then let everything dry well again.

2. **Tinker beehives**
For the bees, you first prepare the hemispheres. If you have all three hemisphere sizes at hand you can make three different bees (see picture above left)



Everything that later becomes the head, you paint with the brown color. All other hemispheres you paint yellow

When the yellow paint is dry, you can paint the stripes. So that not every bee is the same, you can vary the thickness and number of stripes.

3. **Finish the sign**
If the hemispheres are dried, you stick the bees at different places on the sign with the Handicraft glue . Between two hemispheres you should always leave a small gap for the wire or the wings
If the glue is not yet on, you can still move them while "winging"

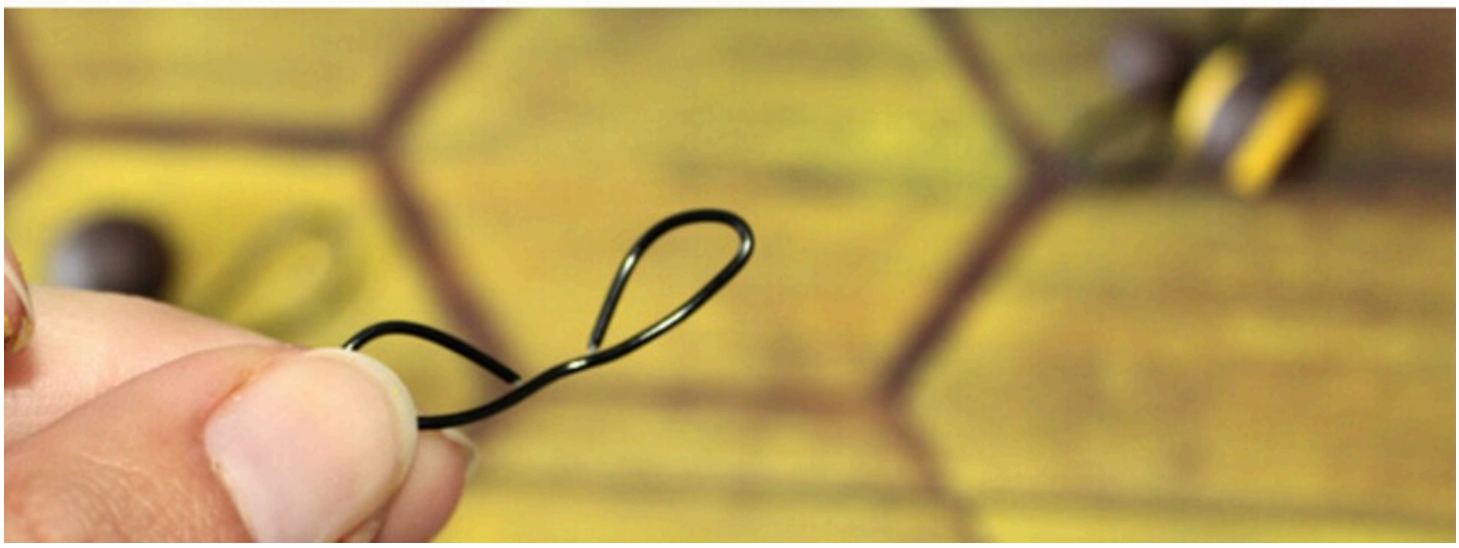
From the wire you cut pieces, which you then bend to the wings and fix them with hot glue between the hemispheres on the shield. You can also vary the shape and size of the wings, just like the bodies. You can also

mount the wings flat or slightly protruding

With smaller pieces of aluminium wire from you form the feelers, of which you bend the end only slightly and fix them with hot glue

If you don't want to work with wire, you can also paint on the wings and feelers. Or you can combine both variants





Now you only still need to hang up your sign in the garden and maybe watch the bees at work

Have fun doing it!

Must Have



VBS Decorative wood panel

Length: 29 cm
Depth: 1.5 cm
Width: 29 cm
Thickness: 0.7 cm
Material: Pine wood

5,99 €

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
560085-20	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlButtercup (unfortunately sold out)	1
27479	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlVanilla	1
27477	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlYellow	1
27479	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlVanilla	1
27472	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBrown	1
27481	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBlack	1
11995	VBS Wooden hemispheres without hole, 10 piecesØ 10 mm	1
11996	VBS Wooden hemispheres without hole, 10 piecesØ 15 mm	1
11997	VBS Wooden hemispheres without hole, 10 piecesØ 20 mm	1
671774-14	Decorative aluminium wire, 1 mmBlack	1
134279	Hot glue gun cordless, 12 W	1
111065	VBS Handicraft glue	1
970020	VBS Side cutter	1
12052402	VBS Flat brush "BASIC", set of 6	1
330350	VBS Painting sponges, 3 pieces	1